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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 2 cents higher on the larger sizes and remained unchanged on mediums when compared to yesterday. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the larger sizes, but steady on mediums entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to very good. Supplies were in balance to tight on the heavier weights, but fully adequate on medium eggs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were about adequate to adequate for the fair to at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Large prices 3 cents higher to producers in IA-MN-WI with all other prices unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm for the larger sizes and steady for mediums. Retail demand remained good to very good. Loose egg movement mostly moderate. Supplies in balance to tight for the larger sizes and fully adequate for mediums and small.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	62-71	65-68	LARGE	51-60	55	
LARGE	61-70	63-66	MEDIUM	27-33	31	
MEDIUM	45-54	47-50	SMALL	18-22		

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries trending sharply higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone ranged fully steady to firm on the larger sizes, but steady on medium eggs. Retail and distributive demand moderate to instances good. Supplies in balance to tight on the heavier weights and fully adequate on mediums. Breaking stock offerings limited on heavier weights, but lighter weights slightly more available. Schedules noted as reduced. Spent hens about sufficient to sufficient for the fair to at least moderate demand. Processing schedules reported as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	71-75
LARGE	64-78	69-73
MEDIUM	53-66	58-60

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on the larger sizes, steady on mediums. Retail demand good to very good. Food service demand moderate to at times good. Most plants continued working extended schedules in order to keep ahead of current orders. Supplies in balance to tight for the larger sizes and fully adequate for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices unchanged. Offerings tight to adequate as most extra gradeable shell eggs were going to the higher priced retail channels. Demand light to moderate. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
MEDIUM	56.5-65	58-61

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the larger sizes and steady on mediums. Demand continued moderate to good. Supplies balanced to tight on the larger sizes and fully adequate on medium. Breaking stock offerings were limited on heavier weights, with lighter weights more available. Breaking schedules reported as reduced for the upcoming week. Light type fowl about sufficient to adequate for the fair to at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-81	75-78
LARGE	72-79	73-76
MEDIUM	55.5-63	56-60

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were 2 cents higher on larger sizes. Mediums remained unchanged when compared to yesterday's prices. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies fully adequate to close for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	88-92
LARGE	86-90
MEDIUM	65-69

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-77	70-72
LARGE	67-75	68-70
MEDIUM	51-59	52-54

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WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes with asking prices for next week 8 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; medium were steady with asking prices unchanged throughout the region. Retailer demand good. Offerings mostly adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes with asking prices for next week 8 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large. Medium and small were steady with asking prices unchanged. Retailer demand good. Offerings about adequate. Small benchmark price 73.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	119
EXTRA LARGE	115
LARGE	108
MEDIUM	93

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	99-108
EXTRA LARGE	97-102
LARGE	95-98
MEDIUM	80-83

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	259-329
EXTRA LARGE	239-309
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	189-199

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK All prices unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate as gradable shell eggs are diverted away from breaking channels into retail operations. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-25	21-23
BREAKING STOCK	34-37	
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. However, offerings were limited on heavy weight breaking stock as quality nest run was being diverted to grading channels. Light weight breaking stock was slightly more available. Overall, demand was only fair. Most breakers were unaggressive and reducing breaking schedules for the next few weeks. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 10-Dec-2005 were 12% less than the previous week, and 9% lower than the same week a year earlier.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	35-39	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-28	22-25
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 10-Dec-05

	(Lbs. in Thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total Production	Cases Brkn	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined.
CW	1,248,908	30,999	10,774	6,194	2,313	4,178
PW	1,291,133	32,148	11,263	6,176	2,469	4,375
LY	1,286,728	31,959	11,639	6,655	2,188	4,522
% PW	-3%	-4%	-4%	0%	-6%	-5%
% LY	-3%	-3%	-7%	-7%	6%	-8%
2005	64,183,958	1,529,519	616,599	330,692	140,740	216,834
2004	60,821,513	1,448,555	583,941	315,818	129,875	209,205
% YTD	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%	4%
				CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)				41.75	41.79	42.57
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)				38.41	38.41	39.05

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	535,123	42.8%	15,353	49.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	545,493	42.2%	15,425	48.0%
LAST YEAR	510,074	39.6%	13,690	42.8%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged on whole and whites, 2 cents lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 12/10 was 10% more than the previous week. Frozen demand good with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	54-58
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-73

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 cent lower with whites unchanged to 1 cent higher. Frozen sugared yolk ranged unchanged with frozen salted yolk 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment continued barely steady for frozen whole egg, steady to fully steady for whites, and barely steady to weak for all frozen yolk products. Offerings were adequate for all frozen products. Demand was fair to fairly good for all products with frozen sugared yolk seeing the best demand. Processing schedules were full-time for next week. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	48-51	49-51
WHITES	38-41	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-72	68-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-67	65-67

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on whites and sugar yolks, slightly lower on whole, and lower on salt yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was only fair, but expected to be a little slower for the holiday season. Offerings were adequate for current trade requirements. Trade sentiment was no better than barely steady on yolks, steady to about steady on whole, and at least steady on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 10-Dec-2005 were 16% less than the previous week, and 15% lower than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	46-52	48-51
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR	54-59
WHITES	35-42	36-40
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-74	68-72
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-69	63-67

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were lower on yolks, unchanged to lower on whole and albumen, but higher on blends when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair but seasonal with most locations reporting business as quiet. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Trade sentiment was cautious on whole, unsettled to barely steady on yolks, and usually steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 10-Dec-2005 were 6% less than the previous week, but 6% more than a year earlier. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were up 8% over a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.51-1.75	MOSTLY 1.57-1.65
YOLKS	1.40-1.70	MOSTLY 1.52-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.20-2.55	MOSTLY 2.30-2.45
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.50	MOSTLY 1.40-1.50

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 49 to 55 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 33 cents fob. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak for whole egg, weak for yolk, and mostly steady for whites. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for whole egg and yolk with white offerings inadequate by the end of the week. Demand was fair to fairly good for whole egg and yolk where discounted with white demand good to very good. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW
WHOLE	17	25-32	27.94	-2.19
WHITES	13	26-29	27.04	1.41
YOLKS	6	57-58	57.83	-.11

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 09, 2005-DEC 15, 2005

CURRENT LOADS								92.00	FUTURE LOADS				75.75	TOTAL LOADS				167.75
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	49.50	57.75	54.60	57.92	52.66	53.71	64.00	GNR W 1	—	55.00	—	—	—	66.50	4.00			
GNR W 2	—	—	51.75	53.50	—	—	2.00	GL W J	63.00	—	—	—	—	75.92	3.00			
GNR BR 1	—	76.00	—	—	—	79.00	5.00	GL W XL	—	70.29	—	73.00	69.00	73.61	12.25			
GL W J	—	—	71.50	73.00	60.00	73.00	5.00	GL W LG	—	69.47	—	72.50	67.00	68.93	35.75			
GL W XL	—	69.00	65.80	67.34	60.35	65.25	36.50	GL W MD	39.76	—	40.00	45.94	42.00	45.75	10.50			
GL W LG	64.00	68.67	62.33	63.88	56.56	61.37	48.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	36.00	39.00	1.00			
GL W MD	52.00	45.00	47.50	44.33	34.65	37.25	20.75	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25			
GL W SM	38.00	41.00	35.94	37.89	33.00	35.75	6.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50			
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75			
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50											
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75											
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.75	35.27	24.00											
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	46.00	—	35.00	4.00											
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	16.50	18.00	1.00											

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-10	6-8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was only fair for adequate offerings. Planned processing schedules were being reduced for the holiday season. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was only about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was fair to fairly good with offerings in close balance to barely adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	.5-6	

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings about adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.00	71.00	59.00
SOUTHEAST	76.50	74.50	58.00
MIDWEST	66.50	64.50	48.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	76.50	59.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.25	71.83	56.36

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for light canners; fair to no better than moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-32 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 10-DEC-05**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,270	1,483	2,753
Last Week	1,281	1,499	2,780
Same week yr ago	1,534	1,403	2,937
To-date/2005	69,632	69,358	138,990
To-date/2004	66,912	66,585	133,497

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	109	0	109
Last Week	248	3	251
Same week yr ago	333	11	344
To-date/2005	12,424	66	12,490
To-date/2004	12,173	147	12,320

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,379	1,483	2,862
Last Week	1,529	1,502	3,031
Same week yr ago	1,867	1,414	3,281
To-date/2005	82,056	69,424	151,480
To-date/2004	79,085	66,732	145,817

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending December 03, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	360	705	16,330	19,385
Frozen	0	0	130	11
Dried	40	43	848	816
Total	400	748	17,308	20,212

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending December 03, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	122	99	6,265	7,462
Frozen	0	3	814	1,554
Dried	0	80	371	2,113
Total	122	182	7,450	11,129

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending December 03, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	10	0	200	392
Extra Large	1,180	7,679	180,621	208,125
Large	5,220	15,330	293,616	433,175
Medium	2,335	2,526	98,125	134,084
Ungraded	3,750	2,940	225,178	325,259
Misc	0	0	9,753	16,790
Total	12,495	28,475	807,493	1,117,825

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 10-Dec-2005	Cases	Percent Change From	
Regions	(In Thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	223.3	5	-3
East North Central	594.2	-4	-1
West North Central	284.3	-2	0
South Atlantic	210.0	1	-13
South Central	60.7	-2	-13
West	201.0	8	9
Total	1588.1	-1	-2
Matched Plants reporting		84	84
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)			
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)			
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)			
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)			

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 10-Dec-2005

Selected	CW	LW	Percent Change	
Consuming Centers	(In Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	28.5	27.9	2	8
Boston	2.6	3.1	-16	-16
Chicago	94.5	97.9	-3	58
Detroit	40.3	22.0	83	11
Kansas City	4.5	7.1	-37	7
Los Angeles	116.7	109.1	7	32
New Orleans	5.2	6.8	-24	-41
New York	34.2	30.0	14	8
St. Louis	24.7	17.7	40	36
San Francisco	20.0	18.9	6	0
Total	371.2	340.5	9	25
4 Week Moving Avg.	360.8			

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (In Thousands)

	Frozen Eggs	Turkeys	Poultry
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 12/12/05	3,275	29,825	76,987
AM 12/01/05	3,375	33,192	75,095
CHG	-100	-3367	1892
PCT CHG	-3%	-10%	3%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Dec 13, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	126	117	90	56
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	121-125	112-116	82-86	49-53
MOSTLY	123-124	114-115	84-85	51-52
RHODE ISLAND	125-129	116-120	89-93	55-59
MOSTLY	125	116	89	55
VERMONT	126	117	90	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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